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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF U. S.
IMPORT QUOTAS ON CHEESE

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1. FRENCH AGMINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN TARIFF COMMISSION STUDY OF POSSIBLE ENLARGEMENT OF US IMPORT QUOTAS ON CHEESE, WHEN ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN, AND POSSIBILITY FOR EVENTUAL EXTENSION OF EXPANDED QUOTAS BEYOND JULY 31.

2. AGATTACHE IN CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH AGATTACHE REVEL WAS TOLD THAT FRANCE MAY REQUEST WASHINGTON TO INCREASE QUOTAS ALLOTTED TO FRANCE BECAUSE QUOTAS ARE BASED ON ANTIQUATED HISTORICAL PRODUCTION BASES AND DO NOT REFLECT CURRENT PRODUCTION PATTERNS AND THEREFORE POTENTIAL EXPORTS. HE SAID THAT A 50 PERCENT EXPANSION OF PRESENT QUOTAS GIVES NEGLIBLE INCREASES FOR FRANCE AND MAY ACTUALLY HARM HER POSITION IN US MARKET. COMPETITORS LIKE DENMARK WOULD GET SIZEABLE INCREASES IN THEIR QUOTAS. ALSO, THE
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RECENT INCREASE OF US SUPPORT PRICES FOR CHEESE RAISES THE
" PRICE BREAK" FOR IMPORTED CHEESE SUBJECT TO QUOTAS BY 7
CENTS AND MAY PLACE UNDER QUOTAS SOME FRENCH CHEESE NOT
PREVIOUSLY SUBJECT TO THEM.
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